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DEPARTMENT FOR IO/UNESCO KELLY SIEKMAN AND EUR/CE JAMIE
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SUBJECT: HUNGARY'S VIEW ON UNESCO DIRECTOR-GENERAL ELECTION

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Classified By: P/E Counselor Eric Gaudiosi, reasons 1.4 (b and d)

(C) PolOff met with the MFA's International Organizations Counselor for UNESCO affairs Katalin Buzas December 16 to discuss reftel. Buzas stated that Hungary shares many of our concerns with the Egyptian nominee Farouk Hosni for UNESCO Director-General. Given the Arab community's support for Hosni, Buzas stressed the sensitivity of Hungary's position, asking that it not be made public. Mentioning the Bulgarian and Lithuanian candidates, she demurred as to whom Hungary would support, noting the significant time remaining until the registration deadline of May 31, 2009.
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